

**AGENDA
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MEETING
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

July 28, 2020

Starting Time 1:00 p.m.

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1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions: Michael Timmons, Chair

2. Adjudicatory Hearings:

RE: Reopening of the 2020 Race Date Assignment Hearing: The Executive Director filed notice of reopening the 2020 race date hearing for the purpose of revisiting the 2020 race date awards in light of the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on Maine racetracks. At this time, no specific requests have been made.

A. Awarding of Dates for August of 2020 that Differ from the Original Award.
The Commission may amend the 2020 race date calendar to accommodate any licensed Maine racetracks willing to sponsor live racing in Maine during August.

3. Consideration of an Emergency Amendments to Chapter 5. Chapter 5, Section 5 requires that each licensed racetrack submit an annual purse distribution plan to the Commission for approval. The proposed emergency amendment to Chapter 5 would provide a rational basis to allow for carryover, partial return of trust account funds, and reallocation of purse funds in a manner that considers the needs of each racetrack. The Commission will consider whether to approve the emergency amendment on a temporary/emergency basis.

4. Consideration of an Emergency Amendment to Chapter 7. The Maine Harness Horsemen's Association and the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association have proposed allowing licensed racetracks to charge an entry fee as a means to offset operating costs that have become an impediment to racing due to diminished revenue arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission will consider whether to approve an emergency amendment which allows the entry fee on a temporary/emergency basis.

4. Updates/Discussion of the 2020 Racing Plans. There will be a general discussion of current thinking/plans for both overnight and Sire Stakes racing for the 2020 season.

5. Other Business

6. Public Comment

7. Schedule of Future Meetings:

8. Adjourn